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SUBJECT: EXTRANCHECK: PRE-LICENSE CHECK: UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG,
PEDIATRIC AND ADOLESCENT MEDICINE

REF: A) USDOC 01120 B) D391076

¶1. Unauthorized disclosure of the information provided below is prohibited by Section 12C of the Export Administration Act.

¶2. As per reftel A request and at the direction of the Office of Enforcement Analysis (OEA) of the USDOC Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Export Control Officer Philip Ankel (ECO), conducted a pre-license check at the Hong Kong University, Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine Department, No 21 Sasson Road, Pokfulam, Hong Kong (HK University). The purpose of the visit was to determine the suitability of HK University to be a recipient of Staphylococcal Enterotoxin B that is the subject of export license application D391076. The items (Export Control Classification Number 1C351) are valued at USD \$126 and are controlled for chemical and biological weapons reasons (CB). The license applicant is Sigma Aldrich Chemical Company of Saint Louis, Missouri.

¶3. On March 6, 2008, ECO and Commercial Assistant Carrie Chan visited HK University at the address listed above and met with the Director of the lab that is receiving the items, Mr. Davy Lee, as well as Dr. Mike Mackett, the University of Hong Kong's Biological Safety Officer. The meeting occurred in the HK University laboratory where the items will be used as part of research on T-Lymphocytes.

¶4. Mr. Lee stated that the quantities in question are very small and will be preserved in a refrigerator in the lab where the meeting occurred. The refrigerator is secured by a lock and access to labs is limited by electronic key card access. Dr. Mackett stressed that HK University had recently been favorably inspected by the CDC for safety and security measures in conjunction with unrelated research funded by the CDC that is also being conducted at the university.

¶5. At the time visited, HK University appeared to be a suitable recipient of the subject controlled items since it cooperated fully with the PLC and provided information on HK University's proposed use of the items in Hong Kong as well as measures taken to secure the items.

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